

to reduce medical costs. It's going to reduce the drain on Medicaid expenditures and other insurance expenditures. There are countless reasons why we ought to do it. In 1985 and 1986, safety did not sell. In 1992, safety sells. All you have to do is turn on your television set and look at how they advertise cars today. They don't advertise them the way they did in the fifties and the sixties showing you nice fancy automobiles with fancy gadgets. They show you the safety features of the automobile, they show you the air bags, they show you how they withstand accidents. That's what people are concerned with. Public opinion polls show that Nebraskans today are willing to accept a seat belt law. It's a good thing to have. Forty-one other states have them. It's the right thing for Nebraska to do at this time. I appreciate your interest in the bill and appreciate the questions that were asked and I think you can fully go out and explain why Nebraska needs to have a safety belt law at this point in time and I would encourage you to adopt the measure. And, obviously, as Senator Chambers and I discussed, when President Bush signed the Highway Reauthorization Act, he put another handle out there, another brass ring on which we can grab onto and say here's another reason why we ought to have a safety belt law. It's because if we don't, we're going to divert highway trust money into education, programs in education without a law doesn't work. All you have to do is look at the states around us and see that that's true. State of Iowa has a law; 64 percent or more of their people wear safety belts; Nebraska doesn't; 32 percent or less of our people wear them. It's time for Nebraska to have a safety belt law. It's the right thing to do. It's a good piece of legislation and we can feel good about what we've done for the people and with their approval and I don't think we have much to worry about in a referendum because I think the people are willing to accept it and it's something that they want and, again, I thank you for your time and interest and would appreciate your support. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Horgan. And we have a request for a machine vote. Senator Rod Johnson requested a machine vote. We have a request for a call of the house. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to go under call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: The house is under call. All members please report to the Chamber and record your presence. The house is